Reservation in private sector

760. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far Government have been successful in persuading the private business organisations on job reservations for the disadvantaged sections like SC/ST/OBC, as negotiations with such bodies are being held for now quite some time;

(b) whether Government would think of introducing such a legislation in the Parliament in the event of no consensus being arrived at through negotiations; and

(c) what is the general opinion of the State Governments in this regard as their positive support to such a legislation and then later on its implementation is indispensable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is having consultation with the apex associations of industry and trade. In May 2005, 21 captains of industry have issued a statement welcoming the move of the Government to have dialogue with the industry on affirmative action. They have committed to expand their activities for disadvantaged persons with regard to scholarships, company-run private schools, partnership with government schools, vocational training in-house as well as in partnership with ITIs, vender development programmes etc.

(b) and (c) State Governments have not been consulted in the matter as their is no proposal to introduce a legislation in the Parliament at Present.

National Policy for persons with disability

761. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a National Policy for persons with disability;